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Subject: Comments on DWR Water-Energy Grant

I am writing regarding the draft PSP for DWR's Water-Energy Grant. I am an Environmental Consultant and I have worked to assist Disadvantaged Communities in rural foothill regions of the Sierra Nevada through the IRWMP process. I would like to register my concerns about the use of the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Tool in assessing Disadvantaged Communities for the purpose of the grant. The tool is still under development and currently contains no DACs in our region - not because there isn't persistent rural poverty and disadvantaged communities, but because there is not enough documentation available to establish DAC status in our region. We do have projects that would reduce energy use, reduce GHG emissions and save water but this tool puts the foothill region at an unfair disadvantage when applying for grant funds like the Water-Energy grant. We urge you to consider adopting instead the DAC status determined based on the DAC definition provided in DWR's Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM Guidelines<[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Archives/Prop84/Guidelines\\_PSPs/GL\\_Final\\_07\\_20\\_10.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Archives/Prop84/Guidelines_PSPs/GL_Final_07_20_10.pdf)>, dated August, 2010.

Thank you!  
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